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METHOD FOR PREPARING A

COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM

SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND

THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT **OBTAINED**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July 8, 1998

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Building CP3, 5th Floor, Room 5E04 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1998, Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 20 before "massaged" insert --tumbled and/or--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 5, 6, 13, 21 and 22 and amend claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 12, 17, 19 and 20 as follows.

Claim 1, line 2, before "meat", first instance, insert --raw--.

Claim 1, line 2, before "meat", second instance, insert

--raw--.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 8, 1998.

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